H.B. 174 Conviction Reduction Amendments

What does H.B. 174 do?

Gives the court the ability to reduce a criminal charge 1-2 steps if it is in the interest of justice.



Extends the right of a judge to reduce the degree of an offense by one or two steps upon the motion of a prosecuating attorney or defendant



Creates three different paths for defendants to lower the degree of their offense if the defendant unsuccessfully completed probation or parole.

- Defendant successfully complete a subsequent probation or parole and is five years crime free (or three years with consent of the prosecution)
- Defendant successfully completes the rehabilitation program and is 3 years crimes free
- 3 Defendant is 5 years crime free

Note: Sex crimes and violent crimes are excluded